

**Remarks**

The specification has been amended to add a section entitled "Cross Reference to Related Application" and an abstract on a separate sheet has been added. Claims 1-14 are pending in the above-captioned application, with claims 1, 3 and 4 being the independent claims. Claims 7 and 10 are sought to be amended herein to delete improper multiple dependencies; and new claims 12-14 are sought to be added. New claims 12-14 find support in original claim 10. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Version with markings to show changes made**

***In the Specification:***

A section entitled "Cross Reference to Related Application" was added at page 1 after the title of the application.

***In the Claims:***

Claims 7 and 10 were amended as follows:

7. (Once amended) An assay system comprising  
a stably transfected cell line according to claim 5, and  
a stably transfected cell line comprising a control DNA expression system  
[as defined in claim 6] which comprises a gene coding for expression of the protein  
having the detectable signal, wherein the gene comprises DNA coding for the amino acid  
sequence of the protein together with associated 5' and 3' UTR sequences comprising  
appropriate expression control elements but lacking any functional mRNA instability  
sequence.
10. (Once amended) A compound which destabilises mRNA [when]  
identified by a method according to any one of claims 1-3[, or by use of a DNA

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expression system according to claim 4, a cell line according to claim 5 or 8, or an assay system according to claim 6, 7 or 9].

New claims 12-14 were added.

***In the Abstract:***

An Abstract on a separate sheet was added.

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